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SUBJECT: 33RD UNGA: US-BRAZIL CONSULTATIONS: ECONOMIC  
ISSUES; ENERGY; UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT BARRY HELD  
PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS SEPTEMBER 5 WITH BRAZILIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY TEAM HEADED BY AMBASSADOR LUIZ PAULO  
LINDENBERG SETTE, CHIEF OF IO DEPARTMENT. THIS MESSAGE  
REPORTS DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC AND ENERGY QUESTIONS AND  
UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. OTHER TOPICS  
REPORTED SEPTELS.

2. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: BARRY STATED THAT CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION RECONGIZES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OECD AND  
G-77 COUNTRIES ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES AND  
DESIRES COMPROMISE, BUT US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL  
CONSENSUS IS FRAGILE AND ADMINISTRATION CANNOT COMMIT  
US TO A POLICY THAT CONGRESS WILL NOT SUPPORT. LINDENBERG  
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SETTE STATED THAT HE WAS LONG FAMILIAR WITH USG  
DELEGATIONS WHICH COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT TAKE FIRM  
POSITION BECAUSE OF ALLEGED LEGISLATIVE OBSTACLES,  
AND GOB WAS WILLING TO HELP EDUCATE CONGRESS AND  
US PUBLIC TO G-77 ECONOMIC VIEWS. COMMENTING ON  
BARRY'S STATEMENT THAT USG ENVISIONED COW'S ROLE AS  
DELIBERATIVE RATHER THAN DECISION-MAKING, FOREIGN

MINISTRY UN DIVISION CHIEF HENRIQUE VALLE JUNIOR  
ADDED THAT THERE WAS DEFINITE GAP BETWEEN VIEWS OF DEVELOPED  
AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON COW'S ROLE. HE OPINED  
THAT COW HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN "REAL  
NEGOTIATIONS", AND OVERSIGHT ROLE ALSO LACKED BROAD SUPPORT.  
VALLE TERMED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PROPOSAL FOR 1980  
REVIEW SESSION "CONSTRUCTIVE", BUT G-77 COUNTRIES WOULD  
LIKE 1980 TO BE DECISION-MAKING SESSION AS WELL.

3. COMMON FUND: REVIEWING USG POSITION ON COMMON FUND,  
BARRY STATED THAT USG IS COMMITTED TO PROGRESS ON CF AS  
INDICATED AT BONN SUMMIT AND RECENT MEETING OF ASEAN  
NATIONS, BUT USG HAS MANY RESERVATIONS ABOUT UNCTAD  
PROPOSALS, PARTICULARLY ON DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST  
WINDOW AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS. LINDENBERG SETTE  
IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED WITH OBSERVATION THAT UNGA MAY BE  
AFFECTED BY WHETHER OR NOT AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON  
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. IN HIS VIEW,  
US POSITION SEEMED RIGID. (COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR  
WHETHER LINDENBERG SETTE WAS MAKING LINKAGE BETWEEN THESE TWO  
ISSUES.)

4. ENERGY: STATING THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO  
CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION OF PRICES, BARRY OFFERED FOR  
GOB CONSIDERATION USG IDEAS ON CONFERENCE ON NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ON USE OF UNDP TO  
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CHANNEL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT. LINDENBERG  
SETTE AGREED THAT UNCONVENTIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
SOURCES IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TOPIC ON WHICH TOO  
LITTLE RESEARCH HAS BEEN DEVOTED IN BRAZIL. HOWEVER,  
GOB'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CONFERENCE WOULD FOLLOW LEAD  
OF G-77. IF ENTIRE GROUP WERE NOT "CONSTRUCTIVELY  
INCLINED", IT WOULD BE USELESS TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION.  
GOB WAS ALSO NOT YET CONVINCED OF DESIRABILITY OF  
SETTING SPECIFIC DATE FOR CONFERENCE. AS FOR UNDP,  
LINDENBERG SETTE SAID THAT GOB AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENTS  
WOULD FAVOR UNDP AS MEANS OF PROMOTING ENERGY RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT.

HOWEVER, BRAZIL INTENDED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ITS OWN  
ENERGY DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, WITH INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS AS  
SUPPLEMENT. BARRY AND LINDENBERG SETTE AGREED THAT  
BILATERAL DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC SHOULD CONTINUE IN  
IN NEW YORK.

5. DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY: BARRY STATED THAT USG HAD  
PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSALS FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER  
AND EXPLAINED THAT WE SUPPORTED A GOAL-ACHIEVEMENT STRATEGY,  
PERHAPS WITH EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD FROM 5 YEARS TO

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20 YEARS (YEAR 2000). DECLARING THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO RESPOND TOO NEGATIVELY TO USG POSITIONS, LINDENBERG SETTE NEVERTHELESS SAID THAT THERE WAS GROWING FEELING OF INULILITY AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ACTUAL GOAL ACHIEVEMENT HAS THUS FAR NOT LIVED UP TO THIRD WORLD EXPECTATIONS AND DEVELOPED NATIONS' PROCLAMATIONS. LINDENBERG SETTE STATED THAT GOB WAS ENTIRELY OPEN TO DISCUSSION, EVEN TO YEAR 2000 AS TARGET DATE. BRAZIL WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS (UNDP EXCEPTED), AND HAS GAINED MUCH MORE IN RECENT YEARS THROUGH UNILATERAL AND BILATERAL EFFORTS. BECAUSE OF THIS, GOB WOULD NOT BE IN FOREFRONT OF PROPOSING NEW MULTI-LATERAL STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS.

6. UNDP: BARRY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GOB'S ROLE ON UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AND ANNOUNCED THAT, DESPITE STRONG CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO CUT BACK ON USG COMMITMENT, OUR CONTRIBUTION WILL REACH \$150 MILLION BY 1980. CITING GROWING CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER UNDP EXPENDITURES,  
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BARRY SAID USG HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING ECONOMICALLY MORE ADVANCED RECIPIENTS OF UNDP AID TO MOVE IN DIRECTION OF GREATER EQUITABILITY AND, IN LONG RUN, TOWARD FULLY REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS. LINDENBERG SETTE ALLOWED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS INTERESTING, BUT THAT LATIN AMERICA HAS FELT RATHER NEGLECTED BY UNDP RECENTLY, SINCE BOTH ABSOLUTE AND RELATIVE VALUE OF ASSISTANCE HAS DECREASED OVER YEARS DUE TO INFLATION. IN MAJOR CONCESSION, HOWEVER, LINDENBERG SETTE ADDED THAT SOME COUNTRIES INCLUDING BRAZIL, WERE REACHING POINT WHERE CERTAIN TYPES OF ASSISTANCE WERE LESS NEEDED. BRAZIL INTENDED TO INCREASE ITS UNDP CONTRIBUTIONS AND, IN LONG RUN, ANTICIPATED BECOMING A NET CONTRIBUTOR. THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN SHORT RUN, HOWEVER, AND GOB WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE A SPECIFIC TIMETABLE IMPOSED.

7. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: BARRY STATED THAT USG WAS ATTEMPTING TO MOBILIZE WORLD INTEREST IN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. ANNOUNCING THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY NOT WELL INFORMED ON TOPIC SINCE IT WAS UNDER DIRECT PURVIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER, LINDENBERG SETTE SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH BARRY "IN PRINCIPLE" THAT NO NEW FOLLOW-UP INSTITUTIONS BE ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF CONFERENCE. GOB HOPED THAT ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED AT UNGA. AS ANOTE, LINDENBERG SETTE REPORTED THAT FIRST DRAFT OF GOB NATIONAL PAPER ON SCIENCE/ TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE HAD BEEN SCRAPPED BECAUSE OF ITS LACK OF CONSTRUCTIVENESS.  
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